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July 12, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
P O Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

RE: 1st Duhon Sand, Reservoir B
ABBEVILLE FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Austral Oil & Exploration, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing after 10 days legal notice to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relative to the 1st Duhon Sand, Reservoir B, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of the Statewide Order 29-E so as to permit the applicant to designate and utilize the Austral Oil & Exploration, Inc. Villien-Gooch No. 2 well as an alternate unit well for the Duhon 1 RB SUA.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit which cannot be drained by any existing well within the unit.
3. To permit the Operator of DUHON 1 RB SUA to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, the alternate well or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
4. Except to the extent herein designated, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 155-D-6.
5. To consider any other matters which may be pertinent to this application.

The 1st Duhon Sand, Reservoir B, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 155-D-6, effective December 9, 1997.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from Cutright & Hardwick, P O Box 80972, Lafayette, LA 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice, therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat showing the proposed alternate unit well for the Duhon 1 RB SUA in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent, is being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, said list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Applicant will provide for posting a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Abbeville Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Also enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,



James F. Hardwick

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
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Lafayette, LA 70508-4284

Interested Parties
Interested Owners
Represented Parties

